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To: Instructional Quality Commission, 7th Grade History and Social Sciences Framework, Department of Education, Sacramento CA.

Hello Everyone,

I am Aishwarya Kirawant. I am currently a freshman at Scripps Ranch High School in San Diego. I thought it's important for you to know my experience in 6th grade and 7th grade learning History, hence I and my Dad drive me from San Diego to Sacramento in front of you on 19th Nov.

I have had no negative experience on Hinduism, simply because section on Hinduism was totally skipped. Yes ! In 6th grade I learned a lot on Rome, Islam, China and the rest of the world , but did not learn any Hinduism or India. This is because my teacher took too much time to teach rest of the world and no time was left to learn about Hinduism.

Then in 7th grade I thought we would cover Hinduism. But this time I did not have Hinduism in my textbook of 7th grade!

I understand that you have introduced a section on Hinduism in 7th grade framework.

My request is to include a **proportionate description** of Hinduism in your Framework, compared to the other world cultures.

Please include Maratha Empire which was established by Shivaji Maharaj. Shivaji was a worrier king established the Hindu kingdom by united Hindus of various castes, in western mountain ranges of India called Sahyadri. Please Also include Maharana Pratap who was the ruler of

Mewar, a region in north-western India in the present day state of Rajasthan. Maharana Pratap was a fearless warrior who successfully fought the Mughals and protected his people until his death.

Bhaskaracharya was an Indian mathematician and astronomer. Bhaskaracharya and his works represent a significant contribution to mathematical and astronomical knowledge in the 12th century.

These three people will be a great addition to the Ancient India curriculum in 7th grade framework that you are updating. It will help develop a fair perspective on Hinduism for the next generations.

I hope you make the framework fair to Hindus as well. My younger brother Atharva is in 5th grade and next year onwards, he will start learning world history in textbooks.

I hope he will learn positive facts in 7th grade about his religion, like other religions. And will be proud of being Hindu American.

Thank you

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